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State Librarian Candidate Announced

On Wednesday, November 10, 1999, Legislative Council Administrator Dianne Odrobina announced that Christie Brandau, assistant state librarian at the State Library of Iowa, was recommended to the Legislative Council Agencies Subcommittee for the position of State Librarian of Michigan.

The subcommittee accepted the recommendation; it will be referred to the full Legislative Council for final approval. A date for the full Council meeting has not been set at this time.

As new information becomes available, it will be posted to Michlib-I and included in the next issue of Access.

LM Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director

by Carey L. Draeger
Public Information Officer

Ask Sarah D. Watkins to describe the one quality that makes a good fundraiser and she answers with one word: "persistence." And if you scan the list of her professional background and affiliations, you'll see how persistent and successful the new executive director of the Library of Michigan Foundation is in nonprofit philanthropy and development.

Before she joined the LM Foundation, Watkins was the development director for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for 2 years. Prior to that, she was self-employed for 10 years as a professional fundraising-development consultant for several Genesee County nonprofit agencies. Before she established her consulting business, Watkins was employed by Mott Community College's Office of Institutional Advancement and the Foundation for MCC where she was responsible for special events, direct-mail programs, alumni development and the annual employee coordinated campaign.

"Originally I started out as a volunteer because you can't get a degree in development. I wanted to build experience and do something of value that was also unique," Watkins explains. "This is an interesting business. You meet great people and develop wonderful relationships with your donors. It's a lot of fun."

Watkins also shares her expertise with others. She is a member of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan; Advancement Network for Community Foundations



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May I Introduce You to . . .

Linda McFadden, the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Chair. McFadden has been a full-time resident of west Michigan since 1976. She grew up in northern New Jersey (30 minutes from NYC), attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and lived for several years at a time in Waukegan, IL, Detroit and Ann Arbor, MI, and Atlanta, GA. McFadden claims west Michigan is her beloved “adopted” home. Here she has raised her only daughter, Kathy, who recently married.

McFadden and her husband, Mike, are partners in McFadden Enterprises. She is an independent consultant to corporate and community clients in the areas of whole systems strategic planning, organizational learning and development, and communications strategies. Mike is a manufacturer’s representative for northern Michigan, and he also serves as the onsite manager for the McFaddens’ small resort, Cedar Landing.

Before starting her consulting practice, McFadden was employed at Herman Miller, Inc., for approximately 18 years. She began as the corporate librarian and archivist and later as the director for Business Information and Communication Services, which included internal communications and corporate renewal.

McFadden holds an MBA from Grand Valley State University, a master of library science degree from Emory University, and a BA from Hope College. She has been an invited speaker before a number of organizations, including The American Association of University Publishers, The Conference Board (New York), and the Special Libraries Association (SLA). She has also served as an elected member on the Information Services Advisory Council of The Conference Board (New York) and is a member of the Society of Organizational Learning. As a member of the Special Libraries Association, she has held numerous leadership positions at both the local and national levels; she currently teaches and consults with SLA members in the areas of teamwork and internal consulting.

McFadden has served on the Board of Trustees for the Library of Michigan for over 9 years and is the current chair.

Mahoney Children’s Conference Update

By Bryon Sittler

Multitype Libraries Specialist

“Grow With Reading” has been the theme of the inaugural Mahoney Children’s Workshop series. The workshops concentrated on children’s library services using children’s gardens to build reading skills, journal writing and family literacy. Keeping this theme in mind, the conference planning committee, established in November 1998, looked to appropriate settings in which to hold the conferences. To the delight of attendees and presenters alike, the sessions were held in some of the best public gardens around the state. The MSU Children’s Gardens in East Lansing, the Dow Gardens in Midland (see photos) and the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids each hosted a session. The UPRLC Annual Meeting devoted a half-day to a Mahoney Children’s Workshop session in September.

Speakers at the sessions included Caldicott Award-winning children’s author Sarah Stewart, who served as the keynote speaker to open the first two sessions in July and August; Jane Taylor, retired curator of the MSU Children’s Garden and an international consultant on children’s gardens; Sisters Ann Mahony and Patricia Mary Hackett of the Franciscan Project of Detroit; and speakers from the Dandelion Cottage of Marquette.

Series topics were varied, fascinating and thought-provoking: linking gardens, journal writing and reading for children; book talks about children’s books with garden themes and content; how to start a garden at your school, literacy center or library; tips on how to involve children and parents; and how to start a sensory garden for people with disabilities.

Participants received several handouts, including an annotated bibliography and seed packets. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) were offered for each workshop.

The conference planning committee is currently evaluating this year’s program and considering proposals for next year’s theme. The committee members include Alice Mahoney, staff members from the Library of Michigan, Library of Michigan Foundation, public and school libraries and library and literacy organizations from around the state.

The Mahoney Children’s Workshops are made possible in part by a grant from the Mahoney Memorial Fund through the Library of Michigan Foundation. The Mahoney Fund is dedicated to supporting children’s library services and the use of libraries by all Michigan families.



Our Preferred Future Conference: *Libraries Creating a New Vision*

By Linda McFadden, Chair
Board of Trustees
Library of Michigan

The Preferred Future conference was a success—approximately 200 librarians, trustees and interested partners (a registration list is available at the conference online site, www.mlc.lib.mi.us/special/visions/index.htm, to show the multiple sectors from which participants were attracted) attended the 2-day conference in Lansing on September 17 and 18. Facilitators Kay Hubbard, Al Davenport and Penny Griffith kept the pace moving as conference participants envisioned, discussed and planned for the new millennium. Three mission statements fueled the conference:

“To bring together the Michigan Library community to determine the preferred future of library services for all residents of our state.

To build a concrete, multi-dimensional plan, based on cooperation and collaboration, to serve the shared constituencies of libraries, education, business, and government.

To ensure a common foundation for action by the library community and... promote a unified perspective on priority issues that may include resource sharing, funding options, access, and life-long learning.”

Participants “wore” three hats throughout the conference to guide their planning and discussion sessions. Everyone was asked to pay particular attention to Level III:

- Level I* your own library
- Level II* your library segment (academic, public, urban, rural, school, special, coop)
- Level III* our statewide library systems

Here’s a brief overview of what happened at the conference once the ground rules had been laid and the activities began.



Sharing Our Wisdom

Participants were assigned to “max-mix” tables and worked with representatives from multiple sectors. We shared our perspectives on the issues critical to how our library segments deliver service and the implications of what we have heard from each other for future delivery of library services.

We discovered our differences—academic, school, public, corporate and other special—and our similarities—funding issues, technology challenges, institutional barriers, impact of new trends in education (charter schools, virtual university), etc. As table groups we also assessed the State of Library Services in Michigan as “glads and mads.”

Impact of Future Trends on Library Services



Each table considered an assigned category and the related trends and then identified the implications. Each table’s results were posted for review by the entire group. The categories included technology, the work force, demographics, government and funding, education and libraries.

Dianne Odrobina, the Legislative Council administrator who is serving as the acting State Librarian for the Library of Michigan, provided an “outside/inside” view of issues for libraries to consider. Her comments included:

“Constituents” are important to legislators and we are all constituents. Do not ignore or dismiss the concerns of other constituents. For example, parents’ perspectives on internet restrictions in public and school libraries for their children must be heard and addressed.

Not everyone will get all the money they want or need, so libraries and their friends must speak with one voice. It is self-defeating for those in the room to work at odds. Competition for legislators’ time and attention is intense.

Don’t bite the hand that feeds you. Be respectful and thank the governor and legislators (and the staff who were helpful) for what was accomplished. Accept and extend the handshake.

Some questions from the floor that Odrobina answered included:

A survey about AccessMichigan and its impact on the library community will begin soon.

The Implementation Council (a representative group from the multi-type library community charged with coordinating

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follow-up actions to the conference) must have representation from every segment. People must have both formal and information authority to speak on behalf of their segments.

A question arose about the possibility of creating a separate Michigan Department of Libraries. Odrobina stated that the constitutional limit on the number of state departments is currently met. It is unlikely that a separate department of libraries will be established in the near future.



Exploring Options for Our Preferred Future

Through a series of table group exercises, we shared our individual perspectives, created table presentations, and generated a list of themes we believed required serious attention and future action.

The work groups created at the conference were merged into 7 action teams. Several people volunteered to chair the teams that will help push forward the themes and action plans developed by the conference. Each team will address one of the following tasks:

- 1) developing a statewide library delivery system of services, such as a statewide union catalog and uniform locally customized web interface;
- 2) funding for libraries and library services
- 3) legislative issues, such as a coordinated legislative advocacy structure;
- 4) human resources development issues, such as mandated staffing levels;
- 5) education of Michigan citizens, including strategic partnerships that ally business, nonprofits and government agencies;
- 6) public relations, such as marketing librarianship as a dynamic, positive and diverse profession; and
- 7) form a coalition of nonprofit service agencies to collaborate on programming, collection development, resource sharing, marketing, etc.

The days were long and the work intense, but the conference participants left with a sense of purpose and a job well done.

At its November 12 meeting, the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees agreed to convene an implementation council that would serve as a guiding coalition and help to clear roadblocks for the action teams. The council would also suggest and provide resources, enlist wider participation, provide mediation, if necessary, within and across action teams; and maintain knowledge of action team progress with minutes and agendas from each action team.

When action teams have a plan, the implementation council expects that it will be brought to them for acceptance and support. However, the Board of Trustees stated firmly that the implementation council will not be responsible for any specific agenda nor will it be put in the position of serving as either a roadblock or in completing the work of the action teams.

The conference design team recommended that the council include representation from each of the following library organizations:

- Michigan Library Association (2)
- Michigan Association for Media in Education (2)
- Michigan Library Consortium (2)
- Special Library Association, Michigan and Western Michigan Chapters (1 from each chapter)
- Public Library Trustees (1)
- Michigan and Academic Library Council (1)
- Michigan Health Science Libraries Association (1)
- Cooperative Directors (1)
- Directors Association of the REMCs (1)
- MLA Small/Rural Libraries Roundtable (1)
- Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation (1)
- Library of Michigan (2, specifically the State Librarian and Deputy State Librarian)
- Library of Michigan Board of Trustees (1, specifically the chair)

Membership will rotate as leadership changes within each organization. The key criterion is that the representatives chosen for the council have the authority to act on behalf of their organizations and/or represented constituency.

A work implementation web site to keep Michigan's library community informed of post-conference activities will be available through the Library of Michigan webpage at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>.

Abrams Foundation Donations to Library of Michigan Exceed \$900,000

This past August the Talbert and Leota Abrams Foundation donated \$100,000 to the Library of Michigan Foundation to purchase new materials for the Library of Michigan genealogy collection. The latest check, presented to the Foundation by Abrams Foundation President Barbara J. Brown, puts the total amount received by the Library over the last 11 years at more than \$900,000.

“Thanks to the generous donations from the Abrams Foundation, the Library of Michigan’s genealogy collection is one of the best in the country,” said Legislative Council Administrator Dianne Odrobina.

Special Collections Supervisor Randy Riley says the funds will be used to purchase important new materials for the Library’s Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, named for the benefactor that has contributed so much to its continued excellence. These materials include census records for California, Oregon and Washington; printed census indexes for California, Connecticut, Florida, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and 5 other states; *Vital Records for Alabama*; passenger lists for Boston (1902-06) and Ashland, WI (1922-1954); *Impressed Seamen Records (1793-1814)*; over 1,800 titles of Genealogy and Local History microfiche; and *Records of Mexican Crossings: Manifest of Alien Arrivals to Texas*.

“The Library of Michigan staff always find the best books, lists and records to add to this marvelous collection,” Brown said, “They’re always working to advance genealogy and help genealogists.”

The LM Abrams Foundation Historical Collection has been rated among the top 10 genealogy libraries in the country. Each year over 100,000 researchers take advantage of the resources available.

Rare Michigan Maps Purchased

By Nancy Robertson
Rare Books Librarian

Upon his departure from the Library of Michigan, George Needham received donations from staff and colleagues toward a brass leaf on the LM Foundation Donor Tree. He requested that the funds be used to purchase Michigan materials for the Rare Book Collection. On October 6 Michigan maps were purchased to fulfill George’s request. They are:



Mitchell, S. Augustus. *Plan of the City of Detroit*. [Philadelphia, 189.]

G.W. Boynton & Co. *Michigan and the Great Lakes*. [Boston: W.D. Ticknor, 1835.]

Greeley, Aaron. *Plan of Private Claims in Michigan Territory*. [Washington, D.C., 1810/1847.]

Hazzard, J.L. *A New Map of Michigan*. Philadelphia : Charles Desilver, [1856.]

Neueste Karte von Michigan nach den besster Quellen verbessert 1845. Hilburghausen;Amsterdam; Philadelphia, 1845.

Cram, George Franklin. *Detroit*. [Chicago:G.F. Cram, 1890?]

Thanks to George and those who honored him with a gift to the LM Foundation, these maps will enrich the growing collection of Michigan and Great Lakes maps in the Rare Book Collection.

Over 100 Programs Offered at PLA National Conference

More than 100 continuing education programs will be offered during the Public Library Association's (PLA) 8th National Conference, *PLA 2000*, to be held March 28 to April 1, 2000, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Conference attendees will build schedules tailored to their specific information needs. Program tracks will cover 10 areas of specialization: buildings, children's services, special populations/young adults, marketing/customer service, staffing/staff development, technology, trustees/friends/volunteers/advocacy, library administration, author/literary leaders' advisory, and adult services/reference. Other sessions include table talks, authors' luncheons and tours of Charlotte and the surrounding area. *PLA 2000* will also feature a new and improved career center.

Preconferences on leadership development, libraries as cultural community centers, readers' advisories, library board trusteeship and technology are scheduled to be held immediately before the conference.

In addition to the continuing education programs, over 230 companies are expected to exhibit. Several specific exhibit events, including an opening reception and coffee breaks, are scheduled throughout the conference.

For more information about the conference, call the Public Library Association at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA or visit the PLA website at <http://www.pla.org>.

Library of Congress Launches Web-Braille on Internet for Blind and Visually Impaired Library Users

Braille readers may now read their books on the Internet, thanks to a historic technological breakthrough by the Library of Congress called Web-Braille.

Readers now have access to over 2,700 electronic Braille books recently placed on the Internet for the use of eligible Braille readers by the Library's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Each year hundreds of new titles will be added.

Braille, a system of raised dots that is read with the fingers, has historically been embossed on paper. The system was invented by Louis Braille of France in the early 1800s. As a result of new computer technology, Braille readers may now access Web-Braille digital Braille book files with a computer and a refreshable Braille display (electronic device that raises or lowers an array of pins to create a line of Braille characters) or a Braille embosser. These 2,700 Braille book titles are available on the Internet for download or online use by eligible individuals, libraries, and schools with a computer and a Braille output device. About 40 new titles per month are released in Braille and immediately available online to users.

After a pilot project to determine that the Web-Braille concept would work, NLS began placing current book titles on the Internet. The new service began August 24, 1999 when an American citizen, and NLS patron living in Vienna, Austria, first accessed Web-Braille.

Library users of the national reading program for blind and physically handicapped individuals access Web-Braille on the Internet using an individual user ID and password. Web-Braille materials can be made available only to eligible users who are residents of the U.S. or American citizens living abroad.

The Library of Congress also produces Braille versions of many national magazines, and is now exploring the feasibility of adding these magazines to Web-Braille for its users.

"This is the first massive effort internationally to make Braille book collections accessible on the Internet," says Frank Kurt Cylke, Director of NLS. "This achievement reflects the Library of Congress commitment to make its collections more usable and accessible to eligible users."

Community Information Toolkit Sent to Michigan Libraries

By Carey L. Draeger,
Public Information Officer

The Community Information Toolkit was recently mailed to nearly 100 Michigan libraries around the state. The toolkit is a multimedia collection of tools and tips for teaching public library staff and community partners how to post local community information on line. Toolkit components include a 250-page book entitled Building a Community Information Network: A Guidebook; a set of 4 video tapes to train community information network teams; a series of Powerpoint presentations that may be used "as is" or with local modifications; and software that will help libraries and communities set up community calendars and forums.

All components are available in complete form on the Toolkit website at www.mel.org/citoolkit or in CD-ROM format.

"Many communities have to pay high prices for community calendar software," Project Manager Betty Van Dam of Merit, Inc., says, "but the toolkit offers a good, functional piece of software at little or no cost to Michigan libraries."

The Community Information Toolkit was sponsored by the Library of Michigan and funded by a grant from Ameritech. The project was managed by Merit, Inc. Materials for this project are copyrighted materials of the Library of Michigan Foundation. The Library Network is distributing the toolkit. For more information, please contact Eileen Palmer at The Library Network, at 734-281-3830 ext.107, or you may email her at toolkit@tln.lib.mi.us.



Loleta Fyan ALA Award Winner Tells All

By Mary J. Thompson, Director
Curtis Township Library

Thanks to the Library of Michigan Foundation, I finally was able to attend an ALA conference. Since I'm from a Class I library, I often wondered what it would be like to go, but I knew my library could never afford such a trip. Then, voila! My name was drawn to receive the \$1,500 scholarship. Those of you who work in small libraries, don't pass up the chance to receive some financial aid to attend an ALA conference. Make sure you submit your letters next year!

Wow! What a great conference and what a super location! New Orleans was everything I ever heard about and more. My husband, Tom, and I made the trip together. We visited the French Quarter—it was just like in the movies—Pat O'Briens and the clam bars. This was a trip I'd dreamed of taking for 20 years.

Tom and I visited the vendors' hall the first day of the conference. I never dreamed there were so many library products. I found solutions to problems I didn't even know I had. The day we were there was the third day of pounding rain for New Orleans. Along with their regular items, the vendors offered various displays of pots, trash cans, plastic bags and other containers for catching rain from a leaky roof. The vendors and participants took this situation in good stride.

The sessions I attended were well organized and informative, but targeted large libraries. Since most ALA conference attendees are from large libraries, this focus was understandable, but it made me appreciate the Loleta Fyan Rural Conference and MLA all the more for their inclusive programming. I'm inspired to try to attend next year's ALA conference in Chicago. I'm already counting my pennies.

Thanks, Library of Michigan Foundation, for the wonderful opportunity.

The Loleta Fyan ALA and PLA Awards assist librarians from Class I and II libraries (those serving less than 7,000) to attend national conferences. Two grants of \$1500 are awarded each year by the Library of Michigan Foundation to allow two Michigan library staff members, one from a Class I library and one from a Class II library, to attend the American Library Association Conference. In years when ALA and the Public Library Association hold conferences, four grants are awarded; two to each conference. The grants may be used for airfare, lodging, meals, registration fees and miscellaneous expenses. The awards are made based on a random drawing. All qualified applications must be received by September 1 for the PLA conference and by January 1 for the ALA conference to be included in the drawings. To apply for the scholarships, please send a letter to the Library of Michigan Foundation stating which conference you'd like to attend. For more information, contact the Library of Michigan Foundation at 517-373-1297 or by e-mail at foundation@libofmich.lib.mi.us.

Budget Update

By Janet Laverty, Director
Business Services

On July 21, 1999, the Governor signed P.A. 124 of 1999, the General Government appropriation bill, which includes the FY 1999/2000 Library of Michigan budget. I am pleased to report that the FY 1999/2000 appropriation for Library of Michigan Operations was increased by \$544,700. The increase included funding for 3 new positions, two programmers in the Network and Information Systems Division and 1 preservation librarian. It also included economic adjustments for increases in fringe benefits and support expenses.

In addition, Library Automation was increased by \$191,800 and State Aid to Libraries was increased by \$140,000. The additional funds for State Aid accommodates changes in library service areas to meet the \$.50 per capita for each of the state aid grants.

The following FY 1999/2000 appropriation line items were also approved: Book Distribution Centers—\$313,500; Statewide Database Access—\$650,000; Grant to Detroit Public Library—\$5,871,600; Grant to Grand Rapids Public Library—\$406,400; Subregional State Aid—\$554,300; Wayne County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped—\$49,200; and Renaissance Zone Reimbursement—\$428,800.

The Library Services and Technology Act line item was increased by \$447,600 for a total of \$4,557,400. This change reflects the allotment provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services during fiscal year 1998/99.

Humanities Programming Opportunities for Michigan Libraries

The Michigan Humanities Council recently sent out the following information regarding programming and funding opportunities for Michigan libraries.

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the Minnesota Children's Museum will host a traveling exhibition for libraries entitled "Go Figure!" Funded by the National Science Foundation, "Go Figure" is made up of an interactive exhibition and interpretive and educational materials that bring the world of math and its daily uses to children ages 2-7 years. Five copies of the freestanding 700-square-foot exhibit will each tour 15 libraries from September 2000 and December 2002. Each library will have the exhibit for 6 weeks. Shipping and insurance are covered by the project grant. For more information and an application, visit the ALA Public Programs Office website at www.ala.org/publicprograms or call the office at 312-280-5045.

The Fast Forward project, "The American Century," is offering 50 libraries the opportunity and resources to present a series of programs around the themes of information, entertainment, and public opinion. Six individual sessions will include films and discussions of the telephone, radio, television, movies and the enormous changes brought about by computers in general, and the Internet in particular. For more information and an application, visit the ALA Public Programs Office website at www.ala.org/publicprograms or call the office at 312-280-5045.

The ALA, in collaboration with the Huntington Library of San Marino, California, invites libraries to apply for the tour of a traveling exhibition called "The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic." Based on a major exhibit of original manuscripts, rare books, prints, engravings and artifacts from the collections of the Huntington and Pierpont Morgan Libraries, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and other institutions, "The Great Experiment" will encourage visitors to understand the George Washington behind the myths—myths that were created to strengthen his position as the first President of the United States and to secure the stability of a struggling republic. Two copies of the exhibit will tour each tour 15 libraries between September 2000 and September 2002. For more information and an application, visit the ALA Public Programs Office website at www.ala.org/publicprograms or call the office at 312-280-5045.

The Michigan Humanities Council also welcomes queries about any of the above programs. For further information, please contact LuAnn Kern at 517-372-7770 or email her at lkernmihum@voyager.net.

Trustees Corner

By Ellen Richardson
Library Law Specialist



Amended Library Privacy Act Addresses Internet Access

As of 1 August 1999, Michigan's Library Privacy Act, MCL 397.601 et seq., addresses the authority of a governing board of a library that offers public Internet access to restrict the type of access given to minors. Public Act 37 of 1999 expands Section 2 of the Act by defining terms such as "computer," "harmful to minors," "obscene," and "Internet." A new Section 6 outlines the legitimate ways in which Internet access may be restricted.

The constitutionally acceptable balance between freedom of speech and the protection of children has long been the subject of debate. Although the Internet provides access to a wealth of government, educational, and recreational materials, it also allows young people unlimited access to materials that would not be available to children in print or film formats without adult supervision and permission. Governing boards of libraries have struggled with the formation of policies and procedures that respect the free speech and privacy rights of adults while, at the same time, protecting children from inappropriate materials. Some libraries offer terminals with filtering software in the children's section. Other have asked patrons of all ages to agree to acceptable-use policies prohibiting the use of the terminals to display sexually explicit materials.

Over the years, our courts have spoken often about the constitutional limits of restricting free speech. Most recently, the United States Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of the federal Communications Decency Act. That act had established criminal penalties for making available to minors via the Internet materials defined as obscene, child pornography, or "indecent and patently offensive." The Supreme Court struck down those sections of the act criminalizing the transmission of "indecent and patently offensive" material because the definitions were over-broad and vague. The Court affirmed the illegality of obscenity and child pornography in whatever formats they are published.

In its discussion of the Communications Decency Act, the Supreme Court affirmed the legitimate state purpose of protecting children and seemed to suggest that a proper balance could be reached that would meet constitutional scrutiny. Various governmental entities, including library boards, have struggled with articulating this balance. The latest amendment to the Library Privacy Act is the most recent attempt to affect this balance.

Section 6 of the Library Privacy Act gives a governing board the option of authorizing or requiring the library to restrict the Internet access of minors. The library may make available to all individuals one or more terminals that are restricted from receiving obscene matter or sexually explicit matter harmful to minors. Alternatively, the library may choose to reserve unfiltered terminals to use by adults or minors accompanied by adults.

While the amended law gives some assurance of statutory authority to governing boards that choose to act in this area, the act does not supply easy answers. The decision to restrict access is not an easy one; the technology used to implement policy is not foolproof; the procedures for monitoring the use of the Internet will continue to challenge library staff.

The text of the Library Privacy Act is available by accessing the Michigan Compiled Laws website at <http://www.michiganlegislature.org>. An excellent explanation of the recent amendments may be found at the same website by finding HB 4191, the origin of Public Act 37, and viewing the House Legislative Analysis for the bill.

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<i>December 3</i>	Cataloger's Desktop, MLC	<i>December 16</i>	CAT ME for Windows,MLC
	Hannukah	<i>December 20</i>	OCLC/ILL Basic,MLC
<i>December 8</i>	SPAN/FirstSearch ILL,MLC	<i>December 23-26</i>	Christmas Holiday, <i>Library of Michigan Closed</i>
<i>December 9</i>	Descriptive Cataloging: Monographs	<i>December 26</i>	Kwaanza
<i>December 10</i>	OCLC Union Listing, MLC	<i>December 31,1999 - January 1,2000</i>	New Years Holiday <i>Library of Michigan closed</i>
<i>December 15</i>	OCLC Searching Basic,MLC		

For more information about the Library of Michigan (LM), call 517-373-1300 or visit the website at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>; for more information about the Michigan Library Association (MLA), call 517-694-6615 or visit the website at www.mla.lib.mi.us; for more information about the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC), call 517-694-4242 or visit the website at <http://mlc.lib.mi.us>; for more information about the U-M School of Information, call 734-763-2285; or for more information about the Government Documents Round Table of Michigan (GODORT), call 517-432-2438 or email at schaubm1@mail.lib.msu.edu.

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(AdNet) (prior to leaving the Community Foundation); the Flint Sunrise Rotary; co-chair of Leave-A-Legacy for greater Genesee County; is president-elect of the Flint Women's Forum and is a member of the Fair Winds Girl Scout Council Sponsorship Committee.

Watkins also speaks publicly to groups about the value and importance of philanthropy and planned gifts, and other topics related to these areas. Watkins says that giving is something that people enjoy because donating makes them feel good about themselves since they are helping a cause or causes they believe in. "They also see giving as worthwhile and the right thing to do." She identifies potential donors as those people who use and benefit from the services offered by an organization. "For a library, that would be the patrons and the community served."

Watkins believes that success in establishing a solid base of donors for foundations and other nonprofit organizations lies in being organized--having a plan and being thorough and diligent in follow-up and follow-through. She suggests that "networking is invaluable," adding, "You can't know everything, so let other people help you. Know where to find the information and people who can help. Don't be afraid to ask for what you need. There is no magic bullet for fundraising and development." She says if there is a formula, it's "hard work, patience and persistence."

Supported by the Foundation's Board of Directors, Watkins and a strategic planning team are developing a plan for future Foundation programs and projects. "I hope to increase public awareness of and enhance the Foundation's statewide image. I'd also like to help demonstrate the Library of Michigan's strengths and resources available to the public," she says. A little persistence will ensure Watkins reaches these goals.

The Library of Michigan (see photo), along with the Legislative Service Bureau, participated in Lansing's seventh "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5k walk/run. Making Strides is a



noncompetitive event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that raises money for breast cancer research, education and outreach programs. Breast cancer currently ranks as the leading cause of cancer deaths among women aged 40 to 55 years and is the second leading cause of death among women of all ages. The event, which took place in 37 cities across the country, has raised over \$34 million for both local and national programs. The Library of Michigan team has participated in the walk/run since its inception in 1993. This year's LM team consisted of over 30 employees and their families, many of whom are either breast cancer survivors or know someone who is.

The Traverse City District Library unveiled its new children's garden on September 3. The garden, officially known as the Grand Traverse Area Children's Garden (see photo below), is a striking mixture of flowers, trees, unique art and stonework, according to an article that appeared in the Traverse City Record Eagle. "It's been a tremendous community effort," said Library Director Susan Kischell, who spent over 2 years planning and directing the garden project. Over \$100,000 was spent on creating the garden, all of it from private and corporate donations. The garden extends across the west side of the library and overlooks Boardman Lake. Included in the garden are several specialty gardens, such as a waterfall pond with goldfish and water plants, and a bird and butterfly garden. The garden also features unique stained-glass art on cement pedestals and a human sundial, where visitors may stand and have their shadows indicate the approximate time.



The Clio Area Library was awarded a \$3,000 grant in July from the Clio Area Foundation of Greater Flint to purchase a computer designated for children. Located in the Children's Room, the computer was loaded with software for children from preschool through fourth grade and covers such topics as reading, science, math and geography. An open house on July 17 gave children and their care-givers the opportunity to try out the programs.



Ron Jager, noted author of *Eighty Acres: Elegy for a Family Farm*, visited the Missaukee District Library on July 24, 1999. Articles by this Michigan native, now living in Washington, New Hampshire, have appeared in *Harper's*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Country Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Natural History*, *Reader's Digest* and *Michigan History Magazine*. Jager also co-authored a book with his wife, Grace, on the history of New Hampshire and a portrait of the town there in which they now live, *Last House on the Road: Excursions into a Rural Past*. Jager's visit to the library was sponsored by the National

Endowment for the Humanities and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Four canines sniffed their way around the Garfield Memorial Library in Clare in mid-August as part of their monthly training program with the Great Lakes Search and Rescue Team. Librarian Sheila Bissonette and 3 other library staff members helped out with the training. "It was a neat experience," said Bissonette, who hid under a box in the library basement during the search. The other "victims" hid between floors under the stairwell and in other rooms around the library. Once the library staff was found by the dogs, they couldn't respond right away. "The dogs took about 30 seconds before we ledged them," Bissonette said. The dogs included a Doberman Pinscher and a poodle. The Great Lakes Search and Rescue Team is a program that trains dogs to find victims of all kinds of disasters.

The Detroit Public Library received a \$500,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The corporation's board of trustees awarded one-time grants to 25 urban library systems across the nation. The awards mark the centennial period of Andrew Carnegie's gifts to establish public libraries in over 1,350 communities around the country. Almost all the grant recipients were originally funded by Andrew Carnegie between 1899 and 1906—DPL received \$750,000 in 1910 for a new central library and branch locations. The current Carnegie award will go to enhance services patrons ages 10-14 years of age at all 24 of the city's branches. DPL will also work with YES Foundation, a community-based membership organization offering educational enrichment to children.

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